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SUBJECT: SUDANESE FOREIGN MINSITER KHALID CALLS ON UNDER
SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE BENSON

1. SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MANSOUR KHALID CALLED ON
UNDER SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE BENSON ON APRIL 5.
MRS. BENSON BEGAN BY ASSURING THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE A DECISION ON THE
SUDANESE REQUEST FOR C-130 AIRCRAFT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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SHE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT U.S. DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WAS
SOMETIMES SLOW BUT NOTED THAT A REVIEW OF U.S. ARMS TRANS-
FER POLICIES WAS NECESSARY, GIVEN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S
CONCERN FOR THE ARMS BURDEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSE-
WHERE. MRS. BENSON NOTED THAT SUDAN'S SITUATION WAS NOT
COMPARABLE TO THAT OF MIDDLE EASTERN STATES.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER THANKED MRS. BENSON FOR HER UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE SITUATION IN HIS PART OF AFRICA WAS NOT A STATIC ONE. SUDAN DID NOT WISH TO SEE A SUPER-POWER RIVALRY IN THE REGION; SUDAN WAS COMMITTED TO AN UNALIGNED POLICY. BUT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT PERMIT THE USSR TO DOMINATE THE AREA WITHOUT ANY U.S. COUNTER-PRESENCE. THE SOVIETS, WITH LIBYAN SUPPORT, MEANT TO CONTROL ETHIOPIA AND THUS

DOMINATE THE RED SEA, BUT THE SOVIETS MISUNDERSTOOD THE ERITREAN PROBLEM WHICH COULD NOT BE SOLVED SHORT OF INDEPENDENCE. EVEN NOW THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WERE IN ALMOST COMPLETE CONTROL OF ERITREA AND THE ETHIOPIAN REGIME FACED MAJOR PROBLEMS ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY, EVEN IN THE CAPITAL.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THE HORN NEEDED MORE ATTENTION. SOMALIA WAS MOVING AWAY FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN RESPONSE TO DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA. EVEN SOUTH YEMEN WAS PRIVATELY DISENCHANTED WITH THE SOVIETS, AS THEIR PRAISE OF THE CHINESE REVEALED. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE SUDANESE WERE ATTEMPTING TO HELP SOUTH YEMEN SOLVE ITS PROBLEM WITH MUSCAT.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE SUDANESE ARMY LIKED TO THINK OF ITSELF AS AN ARMY OF PEACE. IT HAD MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH. TODAY, UNFORTUNATELY, THE ARMY WAS ENTIRELY MOBILIZED IN RESPONSE TO THE VARIOUS THREATS
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ON SUDAN'S BORDERS, ALL OF WHICH RECEIVED LIBYAN SUPPORT.

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